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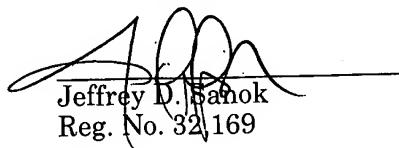
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4. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. Assignment of the invention to Funai Electric Co., Ltd.
6. Certified copy of Priority Document 2003-081681 filed in Japan on March 25, 2003, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
7. Information Disclosure Statement w/2 references.
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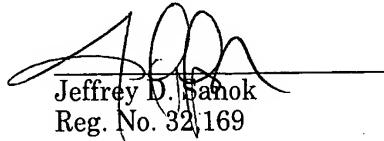
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